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1. GA PLENARY -- ADMITS SAMOA; PEACEKEEPING; HOSTAGES,
TERRORISM AND OTHER COMMITTEE 6 ITEMS

THE GA DEC. 15 BY ACCLAMATION APPROVED THE ADMISSION OF WESTERN SAMOA AS TH 147TH MEMBER OF THE UN. THE PRESIDENT REPORTED THE NEW STATE WISHED TO BE REFERRED TO IN THE UN AS THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA. IN OTHER ACTION, THE GA SET UP A COMMITTEE TO DRAFT A TREATY ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES, ASKED THE COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM TO RESUME WORK, ELECTED MEMBERS TO UNCITRAL, ACTED ON OTHER COMMITTEE 6 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.

TAMASESE LEALOFI IV, DEPUTY HEAD OF STATE OF SAMOA, UNDERLINED HIS COUNTRY'S LONG TRADITION OF INDEPENDENCE AND ITS PLEASURE AT JOINING THE UN. HE SAID SAMOA, SINCE ITS RETURN TO INDEPENDENCE IN 1962, HAD HAD MUCH TO ATTEND TO INTERNALLY, BUT NOW WAS PREPARED TO PLAY A FULL ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. (USUN 6194) NEW ZEALAND HAD INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION ON THE ADMISSION OF WESTERN SAMOA, AND WELCOMING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, JAPAN, MALTA (FOR WEO GROUP), FIJI (FOR ASIAN GROUP), BULGARIA (FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP), DEMOCRATIC YEMEN (FOR ARAB LEAGUE), MADAGASCAR (FOR AFRICAN GROUP), AND GUYANA (FOR LATIN AMERICAN GROUP).
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PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE STATED HE HAD RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE ITEM ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THAT IT WOULD BE THE FIRST ITEM TAKEN UP DEC. 16. BY CONSENSUS, THE MANDATE OF THE 33-NATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WAS EXTENDED, AND THE COMMITTEE REQUESTED "TO RENEW EFFORTS AND INTENSIFY NEGOTIATIONS" FOR COMPLETION OF AGREED GUIDELINES FOR PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CHARTER BEFORE THE NEXT GA.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UK AND DENMARK STATED IT HAD BEEN THEIR CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE VOTES ON THE RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF TH DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY WOULD TAKE PLACE DEC. 17, AND HAD

THEY BEEN PRESENT DEC.14 THEY WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS.

-- COMMITTEE 6 RECOMMENDATIONS --

THE GA BY CONSENSUS SET UP A 35-MEMBER AD HOC COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZED IT TO DRAFT "AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE" AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAIN T THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES. VON WECHMAR (FRG) EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF "PROSECUTION OR EXTRADITION" WAS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS FOR THE REPRESSION OF HOSTAGE TAKING. HE THANKED DELS FOR THEIR SUPPORT "OF OUR HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE, WHICH IS NO LONGER OURS ALONE, BUT HAS BECOME NOW AN INITIATIVE OF THE ENTIRE UN."

AMB BENNETT SAID USDEL ENDORSED THE HOSTAGES RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT THAT ACTION BE UNDERATKEN TO DEAL WITH THE CONTEMPTIBLE PRACTICE OF TAKING HOSTAGES. PERPETRATORS OF SUCH ACTS MUST BE DENIED A SAFEHAVEN AND MUST BE SUBJECT TO PUNITIVE ACTION. IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RESOLUTION REFLECTED WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT THAT NO CAUSE OR MOTIVATION COULD JUSTIFY THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES AND THAT THE CONVENTION WOULD BE BASED ON THE DUTY TO PROSECUTE OR EXTRADITE. HE HOPED AND EXPECTED THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE A DRAFT CONVENTION READY FOR THE 32ND GA NEXT YEAR.

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HUSSAIN (IRAQ) SAID IRAQ WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED HAD THERE BEEN A VOTE. THE RESOLUTON DID NOT: MENTION REASONS WHICH LED TO THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES OR DISTINGUISH BETWEEN CRIMINAL AND POLITICAL PURPOSES; BRING OUT THE FACT THAT RACIST REGIMES OCCUPYING FOREIGN TERRITORIES HELD HOSTAGES WHO WERE NOT RELEASED UNLESS CERTAIN CONDITIONS WERE MET; PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT RESORTING TO ANY MEANS TO SECURE SELF-DETERMINATION; TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES WAS PART OF THE PHENOMENON OF INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE.

THE GA, BY ADOPTING ANOTHER RESOLUTION, INVITED THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, WHICH HAS NOT MET SINCE ITS FIRST SESSION IN 1973, TO CONTINUE ITS WORK, AND INVITED STAES TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS RELATING TO THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. THE VOTE WAS 100-9(AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, ISRAEL, JAPAN, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, UK, US)-27. UNDER OTHER TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION THE GA REAFFIRMED THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF ALL PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL AND RACIST REGIMES AND UPHELD THE LEGITIMACY OF THEIR STRUGGLE, ESPECIALLY THAT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

URUGUAY, WHICH SUPPORTED THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, THOUGHT THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION HAD SHORTCOMINGS IN THAT ITS QUALIFICATION OF CERTAIN ACTS OF TERRORISM WAS UNBALANCED. UK VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE: IT DID NOT INCLUDE AN ADEQUATE CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM; THE CONFUSION OF VARIOUS CONCEPTS IN THE DRAFT WAS A DISSERVICE TO THE OBJECTIVES THE GA WISHED TO ADVANCE; IT OFFERED INSUFFICIENT DIRECTION IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISM AND DID NOT SET A REALISTIC OR EFFECTIVE PROGRAM TO THAT END. NICARAGUA ABSTAINED BECAUSE IT HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION.

THREE RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE UNCITRAL REPORT WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS: ON THE WORK OF THE NINTH SESSION; ASKING UNCITRAL TO MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND INVITING THAT COMMISSION TO REFER TO UNCITRAL ANY ISSUES THAT WOULD BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO ACTION BY
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UNCITRAL; AND RECOMMENDING THE USE OF UNCITRAL ARBITRATION RULES IN THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES ARISING IN THE CONTEXT OF INTERANATIONAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY BY REFERENCE TO THE ARBITRATION RULES IN COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS.

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THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED TO UNCITRAL FOR SIX-YEAR PERIODS BEGINNING JAN. 1, 1977: AUSTRALIA (129 VOTES), AUSTRIA (135), BURUNDI (130), CHILE (92), COLOMBIA (126), EGYPT (134), FINLAND (133), FRANCE (129), GDR (128), GHANA (133), INDONESIA (128), JAPAN (131), NIGERIA (132), SINGAPORE (131), SOVIET UNION (127), UK (129), AND TANZANIA (129).

RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS AND ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT OF THE COMITE ON HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS WAS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS. IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION, THE GA RECOMMENDED BY CONSENSUS THAT THE ILC CONTINUE ON A HIGH PRIORITY BASIS ITS WORK ON STATE RESPONSIBILITY WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETING THE PREPARATION OF A FIRST SET OF DRAFT ARTICLES ON RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES FOR INTERNATIONALLY WRONGFUL ACTS.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL--UNFICYP

THE SC, WHICH VOTED DEC. 14 TO EXTEND THE STATIONING OF UNFICYP FOR A FURTHER SIX-MONTH PERIOD, HEARD THE REMAINING SPEAKERS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION DEC. 15--JAPAN, UK, US, FRANCE, PAKISTAN, GUYANA, BENIN, ITALY, PANAMA, TANZANIA AND ROMANIA. CYPRUS AND TURKEY SPOKE UNDER RIGHT OF REPLY, AND CELIK SPOKE AGAIN UNDER RULE 39. A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SYG, AND WALDHEIM SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO HIS UTMOST TO ASSIST THE COUNCIL IN PERFORMING ITS VITAL TASKS. AMONG THOSE URGING THAT THE EXTRA TIME GAINED BY EXTENDING UNFICYP'S MANDATE BE USED FOR MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS WERE JAPAN, FRANCE, PAKISTAN AND GUYANA. MOST STRESSED NEED FOR RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND MANY,

INCLUDING JAPAN AND ITALY, URGED FLEXIBILITY.

MURRAY (UK) SAID THE UK HOPED TO MAINTAIN THE BRITISH CONTINGENT AT ITS PRESENT STRENGTH FOR THE COMING PERIOD AND CONTINUE TO MEET THE COSTS OF ITS CONTINGENT IN FULL AS WELL AS A LARGE PART OF THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO THE FORCE. HE SPOKE OF UNFICYP'S CRITICAL FINANCIAL SITUATION AND SAID IT WAS A REPROACH TO THE UN THAT MEMBERS FAILED TO GIVE THE SYG THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO CARRY OUT THE TASK WHICH, BY THEIR VOTES, THEY HAD REQUIRED HIM TO UNDERTAKE. THE UK VIEWED WITH DEEP UNCLASSIFIED

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DISAPPOINTMENT THE APPARENT INABILITY OF THE TWO NEGOTIATORS TO SURMOUNT THE PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH INEVITABLY APPEARED TO OUTSIDE OBSERVERS AS A CAUSE FOR UNNECESSARY DELAY IN ADOPTING A NEW APPROACH TO THEIR PROBLEMS OF SUBSTANCE. HE ADDED HE HAD ALREADY DRAWN ATTENTION TO THE INCREASING IMPRESSIONS OF THE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS WHO FELT THEY HAD FOR TOO LONG BORNE A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF MAINTAINING PEACE IN CYPRUS. THE QUESTION AROSE WHETHER UNFICYP'S PRESENCE PROVIDED AN EXCUSE FOR RIGIDITY AND INFLEXIBILITY RATHER THAN A FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATION. THE UK REJECTED THAT VIEW; HOWEVER, THE PARTIES TO THE DIAPUTE SHOULD PONDER THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF WITHDRAWING THE FORCE HAD BEEN OPENLY VOICED IN THE UN. THE CYPRUS STORY WAS ONE OF MISSED OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE TWO COMMUNITIES SHOULD RECOGNIZE THIS IF CYPRUS WERE NOT TO BE "PERMANENTLY DISABLED BY HUMAN WRONG-HEADEDNESS".

AMB SHERER PAID TRIBUTE TO UNFICYP'S PERFORMANCE, SAID THE US URGED OTHER NATIONS WHICH HAD NOT YET DONE SO TO LEND THEIR MATERIAL SUPPORT TO UNFICYP, AND VOICED US HOPE THAT THE PARTIES WOULD MAKE RENEWED EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A LASTING SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD REMOVE THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUED PRESENCE OF UNFICYP. LAPRETTE (FRANCE) SAID THE PARTIES MUST COOPERATE WITH UNFICYP AND ALLOW IT TO FULFILL ITS FUNCTIONS WITHOUT OBSTACLES. ABE (JAPAN) CALLED THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN CYPRUS "TRULY DEPLORABLE". MIRZA (PAKISTAN) THOUGHT THE ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE REGION GAVE HOPE THAT THE PARTIES CONCERNED WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE SYG'S APPEAL TO SHOW THE NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY IN ORDER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS AT AN EARLY DATE. JACKSON (GUYANA) FOUND IT DISTURBING THAT UNFICYP HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO "AN ALMOST PERMANENT FIXTURE" TO AID THE MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO. HE SAID THAT IF NO PROGRESS WAS REACHED IN THE COMING SIX-MONTH PERIOD, HE WOULD URGE THE SC WHEN IT NEXT CONSIDERED THE CYPRUS QUESTION TO REACTIVATE THE IDEA OF SENDING AN SC FACT-FINDING MISSION TO THE ISLAND.

BOYA (BENIN) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WAS WELL KNOWN-- THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS A REFLECTION OF ATTEMPTS BY NATO

IMPERIALIST POWERS TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE REGION. IMPERIALISM
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WAS ATTEMPTING TO DISSUADE CYPRUS FROM ITS POLICY OF
NONALIGNMENT. IN THE VIEW OF HIS DELEGATION, THE
"AUTOMATIC RENEWAL" OF UNFICYP'S MANDATE MIGHT BE A
"CHRONIC ERROR" TO WHICH THE UN WAS SUCCUMBING. BENIN DID NOT
PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE, HE RECALLED, ADDING THAT THE
IMPERIALIST POWERS MUST BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE
OF THE FORCE. VINCI (ITALY) SAID THE SITUATION WAS VERY
SERIOUS, AND IT WAS HIGH TIME TO REVERSE ITS
PRESENT TREND. HE SHARED THE SYG'S CONCERN FOR THE "FEEBLE
RESPONSE" TO REPEATED APPEALS FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS,
AND SUGGESTED THAT EVEN SYMBOLIC CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD SIGNIFY
THE ATTACHMENT OF UN MEMBERS TO THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE
SECURITY. CHALE (TANZANIA) ALSO NOTED UNFICYP'S CRITICAL
FINANCIAL SITUATION.

ILLUECA (PANAMA) FOUND THE SITUATION CONFUSING--TURKISH
CYPRIOT REP CELIK HAD TERMED THE UN RESOLUTIONS UNACCEPTABLE,
AND YET HE HAD PRAISED THE EFFORTS OF THE SYG, WHO WAS ACTING
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE RESOLUTIONS. AMONG OTHER THINGS,
ILLUECA SAID THIS WAS A PERIOD OF TRANSITION. THE SYG HAD
JUST BEEN REELECTED AND COULD RENEW HIS EFFORTS. ON THE
INTERNATIONAL SCENE IT WAS A "HOLDING PERIOD". ACTION ON
PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, LATIN AMERICA
AND HIS OWN COUNTRY, WAS BEING DELAYED. A NEW ADMINISTRATION
WAS SOON TO TAKE OVER IN ONE OF THE BIG POWERS, AND NEW
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WERE BEING CHOSEN TO ACT AS SPOKESMEN
FOR NEW POLICIES.

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5. COMMITTEE ON UN FINANCING--

AT EVENING MEETING DEC. 15, THE COMITE ADOPTED ITS DRAFT REPORT--WHICH REPORTS NO CONSENSUS-- WITH ONLY MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES. GIVEN LACK OF REAL PROGRESS AND TIME RESTRAINTS, THERE IS LIKELIHOOD COMITE 5 WILL DECIDE TO DEFER ITEM TO NEXT SESSION. (USUN 6205)

6. UNSYG WALDHEIM'S PRESS REMARKS RE CYPRUS ISSUE--

IN REPLY TO QUERY ON FURTHER UN ACTION ON CYPRUS QUESTION, SYG WALDHEIM NOTED UN WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO APPROACH PROBLEM NEXT YEAR. HE MAINTAINS CONTACTS WITH PARTIES CONCERNED, HE STATED, AND FAVOURED CONTINUING INTERCOMMUNAL APPROACH. AT BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR HE HOPED FOR CLEARER PICTURE ON RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND OBSERVED THAT MAIN ASPECT IS TERRITORIAL QUESTION. TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO BREAKTHROUGH. THERE ALSO EXISTS QUESTION ON PROCEDURE, BUT NEXT YEAR HE FELT PROBLEM COULD BE TACKLED IN CONSTRUCTIVE WAY. (USUN 6147)

7. US CONTRIBUTION TO UN/FAO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM--

ON DEC. 14 THE US TRANSMITTED TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL \$1,500,000, COMPLETING ITS TOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTION TO THE

UN/FAO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM FOR THE 1975-76 PERIOD. IN 1974 THE
US HAD PLEDGED UP TO \$140,000,000 IN COMMODITIES, SHIPPING
SERVICES, AND CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3 MILLION.

8. SENTENCING OF JDL MEMBERS--

JDL MEMBER RUSSEL KELNER, CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTING
EXPLOSIVES ACROSS STATE LINES AND BEING IN POSSESSION OF RIFLES,
WAS SENTENCED DEC. 15 TO A THREE-YEAR PRISON TERM AND REMANDED
IMMEDIATELY TO PRISON. AMONG OTHER DEFENDANTS, ROMBON
AND WEINGARTEN WERE REMANDED FOR AN UNDETERMINATE SENTENCE
OF UP TO SIX YEARS. THE JUDGE, IN OPEN COURT, STATED:
"WE CANNOT ALLOW ANY GROUP TO PERFORM TERRORIST ACTS IN
THIS COUNTRY, WHETHER THEY BE JDL, IRA OR PLO." (USUN 6204)

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